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LINK CANAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geotechnical Report based on laboratory investigation has been prepared for the Link Canal Project to linkproposed Manas-Sankosh-Teesta-Gaya to increase the flow of water to save Calcutta Port in lean months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this report has not favoured this project due to environmental reasons;

(d) if so, whether any Techno Economic Survey has been conducted for this Link Canal;

(e) if so, the estimated cost of Project; and

(f) by when the work is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Geotechnical investigations of Manas-Sankosh-Teesta- Ganga Link Canal Project has not been completed so far.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) National Water Development Agency has prepared the pre- feasibilityreport o f Manas-Sankosh-Teesta-Ganga Link Canal Project. The field survey and investigations for techno economic evaluation of the project are under progress. However, the survey and investigations in the 114 km. reach of the link canal from Manas to Sankosh falling under Manas Tiger Reserve and 24 kmfrom Sankosh to Tista falling under Raidak reserve Forest, BuxaTiger Reserve & Goburbasra Reserve Forest, could not be taken up due to denial of permission by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India.

(e) As per the prefeasibility report, the tentative estimated cost of link canal project is Rs. 11,670.00 crore at 1994-95 price level.

(f) The whole programme of implementation depends on the cooperation extended by the State Governments and negotiations/inter-state agreements which are pre requisite for taking up the work of Detailed Project Report.